

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject:

Out of State/Overnight Travel

Date:

January 24, 2023

Dept:

FHS

Reason:

Past practice of the Committee requires a vote to allow students/staff to travel outside of the State/Country

Enclosure

Yes

Background

Recommendation:

FHS Trip to Greece

I recommend approval of the request of Ms. Cullinan & Ms. Reilly to take FHS students to Greece from April 11 - 20, 2024 as presented at the 1/10/23 School Committee Meeting.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>	
C. Bernstein:	Y / N
D. Callaghan:	Y / N
Al Charles:	Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N

C. Bernstein:	Y / N	D. McNeill:	Y / N
D. Callaghan:	Y / N	M. Whitmore:	Y / N
Al Charles:	Y / N	D Spencer:	Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N	Action:	_____

To: Joshua Hanna and Lucas Giguere
From: Holly Cullinan and Courtney Reilly
Re: Trip Proposal
Date: January 3rd, 2023

Please consider the following trip proposal:

- a. **Destination:** Athens, Delphi, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Rhodes Island, Crete, Santorini
- b. **Dates:** Requested Thursday April 11, 2024 - Saturday April 20th, 2024
- c. **Itinerary:** see attached [tour proposal](#) from Education First (EF)
- d. **Trip Purpose/Educational Alignment:** The overall purpose of the trip is to immerse students in the Greek culture. We believe that travel, and exposure to other cultures, is in and of itself invaluable and will encourage students to further their studies of world cultures.
- e. **Trip expense:** approx. \$4,680 OR \$329/month for 14 months including all travel, room and board -- not including spending money or tip money.
- f. **Equity issues for limited income students:** Students will also have the opportunity to set up a fundraising page through EF and can ask for personal donations that way. EF also awards the Global Citizenship Scholarship that students are encouraged to apply for, which is awarded both on a merit and need basis.
- g. **Accessibility for students with disabilities:** From EF:
 - **Bus Access** - We usually first ask if the wheelchair can be folded up and put beneath the bus (vs. is it a power-chair?). Then, we ask if the traveler can take a few steps up into the bus. If it isn't feasible to walk up a few steps, we can connect with EF Ops/Transport and look into securing a bus with a lift. If a traveler needs physical support getting on or off the bus, it is usually recommended that a designated aid/chaperone comes along on tour to support as needed.
 - **Hotel Access** – If needed, EF should not have an issue securing hotels with elevators. The request, if made, will be visible to their operations team when they begin allocating hotels.
 - **Tour Pace** – It is a bit of a delicate conversation, but we will need to explain to parents/travelers involved that the tours are indeed pretty fast paced and the group covers a lot of ground each day. We will also need to keep in mind that in some cities/towns, there may be cobble-stone streets and less accessible areas than we are used to in the US. The Tour Director will be there of course to help and support as needed – and the traveler and a designated aid/chaperone can always stay back for certain portions, or use a cab as needed.”

h. **Number of students needed to support the trip:** The minimum number of students for this trip will be 15, and the maximum number of students will be around 40. A second bus will be added if there are 10+ students on a waitlist.

i. **Number of chaperones in attendance:** Our goal is to have at least one chaperone for every 6 students.

j. **Method of transportation/travel agency:** Education First (EF)

k. **Insurance:** Trip insurance is included

l. **Emergency plan/medical care plan:** Chaperones are prepared to carry out basic medical care for students. EF includes contacts for emergency health situations for each stop on the trip.

m. **CORI:** We would limit chaperones to full-time staff at Franklin High School.

n. **Extended Field Trip Waiver:** For this, with your approval and that of Mr. Giguere, we hope that the School Committee will grant.